

CHRISTMAS IN WICHITA

Phenomenal Business Done in
All Lines.

MANY PRESENTS BESTOWED

By Sunday Schools and Charitable Organizations.

Last night was a gala one in Wichita. The streets were thronged with happy Christmas shoppers. The stores remained open until a late hour and there will be plenty of business this morning. Never in the history of Wichita has there been so much buying of holiday goods and many storekeepers remarked yesterday that while their business was phenomenal as far as the number of sales were concerned the people of Wichita and vicinity purchased a higher class of goods than in former years. Many new novelties have been introduced this season and the buyers had the money to spend and purchased them. This season will remain as a record breaker in Christmas trading.

Last night several of the churches held their annual Christmas festival. There were short talks suitable to the season, songs and recitations and then the Christmas tree.

At the Masonic Home last night the family held a real old-fashioned Christmas eve party. The ladies over the stove have been very liberal this year in their donations to the home for the Christmas festival. Besides every member of the family a number of friends from the city were present.

In the early part of the evening the members of the family gathered around the big parlors and the following program was carried out, the children being under the instruction of Mrs. Alice M. Roberts.

Song—"The Children."
Christmas Carol—"Little Noel."
Recitation—"The Cat and the Mouse"—Claude Martin.
Recitation—"A Christmas Wish"—Helen Hart.
Song—"Baby Mine"—Pitt Pittinger.
Recitation—"The Reason Why"—Mabel Ezell.
Recitation—"Christmas Suggestions"—Eulie Chamberlain.
Recitation—"The New Christmas Era"—Chas. Friel.
Recitation—"Little Drops of Water"—Nellie Ezell.
Song—"Way up in the Chimney"—Maud Brown.

After a closing chorus by the children all adjourned to the spacious reading room where a tree had been prepared by Superintendent James Snodden and his estimable wife. Santa Claus made his debut from out of the fire-place and there were presents for every member of the family.

Around and across the room were rows of stockings, a pair for each member of the family and each stocking had some candy and nuts in it. On the tree were toys, dolls and all manner of pretty and useful articles.

Each of the women received a new dress, each of the men a suit of clothes, each boy a suit and the little girls received dresses and aprons. There was a box of candy for each one.

After Santa Claus had disposed of the presents there was a big surprise for all. A new magic lantern, presented to the home and the balance of the evening was spent looking at the pictures. The Masonic Home family consists of twenty-five children, sixteen men and six ladies.

The Christmas exercises at the First M. E. church last night were excellent. The church was packed with visitors, but their presence did not affect the little tots, who sang the glad Christmas songs. People never tire of the children's Christmas exercises and those last night were exceptionally good. The program consisted of Christmas songs and recitations.

At the close of the program fourteen little girls, dressed in white, sang a song entitled "Watch for Santa." Before the song was finished sleigh bells were heard in the distance and when it was closed old Santa appeared upon the scene—a real live Santa, with reindeer, sleigh, gray whiskers and all. He made a short talk to the children, saying that as he was becoming very old this would be his last trip. He then introduced his son, whom he said was only 14 years old, and would come with presents next year. A small house had been erected on the pulpit and from this Santa and his son proceeded to take unlimited supplies of candies and nuts, which were distributed among the children.

The church was artistically decorated with evergreen, holly and mistletoe. One conspicuous feature was that hundreds of tiny lights were used in the decorations instead of candles.

At the Associate Charities room in the court house yesterday over 100 children were each given a present from the tree prepared by the different charitable organizations of the city. There were many happy faces in the room. There was some music and a talk by Rev. Ritchey of St. John's Episcopal church. Then the presents of toys, clothes and candies were distributed.

At the Universalist church last night the Sunday school had a short program and a Christmas tree. There were songs and recitations and a talk by Rev. Gosow and then the presents were distributed.

No ball given in Wichita this season has been more of a success than the Christmas ball given in the Grand ball last night by the Ancient Order of Pyramids. From the time the orchestra began playing until after midnight, there was no lack of movement. The floor was always full, whether the dance was a two-step, waltz, or square dance. The music played by Prof. Maringer's orchestra was spirited and that, combined with the holiday spirit, seemed to make the occasion an enjoyable one.

Over 100 tickets were sold at fifty cents each. This amount will go to increase a sinking fund that is being formed for the purpose of building an orphan's home.

This is the first ball to be given in this city for that purpose, but the Pyramids expect to make it an annual affair. The success of the first certainly warrants their continuation.

At noon today all business will cease, as the stores will close at that time. The drug stores will close from 1 o'clock to 5. The freight offices will be closed all day.

Some of the churches will have exercises

this morning and this evening. There will be a Pontifical high mass at the Pro-Cathedral at 8 a. m.; at 8 a. m., low mass; high mass, and at 10 a. m., vespers and benediction.

At the Reformed church this evening there will be exercises and a tree. At the Germania lounge, No. 15, Sons of Herman, there will be an entertainment and a real live Santa Claus, who will come down the chimney.

At the Crawford the Flints will give a refined and night performance, and at the Toler the Hello Bill company will give a matinee and night production.

At noon today the Salvation Army will have their big Christmas dinner. Over 50 tickets have been issued to the poor of this city to come to this Christmas dinner as guests of the Army. There will be turkey for all and plenty of other articles that go to make up a first-class Christmas dinner. Clothing will be distributed to those who need it. The Christmas tree for the poor children will be held New Year's eve. Many boxes of good things will be sent by the Army to sick persons who are unable to come to the hall today.

NEVER GOT THE OFFICE.

Mr. Duncan Makes Statement About His Indian Territory Place.

Mr. Duncan of this city, who, the Eagle announced some time ago, had received the appointment of United States commissioner in one of the nations in the Indian territory, is still in Wichita, owing to a chain of peculiar circumstances. He has not the office to which he was appointed, and in explaining why, he made this statement to a reporter for the Eagle yesterday:

"As the Eagle said in announcing my appointment, last July, I was one of the original Burton men, and for more than a year prior to this announcement, the senator, National Committeeman Milvane and my brother, receiver of the land office at Springfield, Mo., as well as a number of my friends here in Wichita, had been laboring to get me an appointment. Their efforts finally resulted in the senator, in July, as above stated, wiring me to go at once to Muskogee, that my appointment was ready. Arriving at Muskogee I found the appointing power, Judge Charles W. Raymond, in possession of a telegram from the senator, which clearly proved that he and Senator Burton had agreed upon this appointment, and although this Judge pleaded embarrassment, I was told positively, without equivocation, that I could have the place. Meanwhile the senator wrote me that the place was promised him, that the appointing power had assured him it was ready, and I had to stay on the ground. After the lapse of three weeks, and after the time I had been told I would be sent for, and not having received my commission, I returned to Wichita, and after conferring with my friends, I was induced to let the announcement of my appointment made in the Eagle, to stand, as we all concluded the promises made to Senator Burton and others would be sacredly kept by this judge. This impression grew stronger when, shortly after my return, this promise of the judge was reiterated in a letter I now have, in language as follows: 'I have named Mr. Duncan as commissioner at Checotah.' This communication reached me, and a number of congratulations followed. The last information I had was to the effect that no appointment had been made. I am glad to be right in the Eagle and assure the people that I have not willingly misinformed them. Senator Burton has acted in good faith. I could make this statement more in detail, more picturesque, but your time and space forbids, besides I am more desirous to say to my friends that I am not commissioner at Checotah, but am, and will continue to be a resident of Wichita, Kansas, room 22, Bittling block, where I hope and pursue my business as I did prior to the receipt of that unfortunate and expensive telegram. I must state that I have been shamefully mistreated and all know I could ill afford it."

ABOUT THE INTERURBAN.

Have Graded for Two Miles North of the City.

President Coyes of the Interurban said yesterday:

"The people of Wichita will wake up some morning to find the interurban running right through the city."

Its advent will probably not be so sudden as that, but the road will undoubtedly be built. Almost two miles of grading have been finished just north of the city and the work is being pushed as rapidly as possible. All the right of way between Wichita and Valley Center has been secured and the balance will be secured after January 1. The grading will be a great deal of work, for instead of following the lay of the land, as most electric lines do, this line will be built on the same plan as a steam road, with a view to hauling heavy freight. In the country seventy-pound steel rails will be laid, while in the city the company expect to put in eighty-pound grooved steel rails.

The route from this city north to McPherson has finally been settled upon and will run through the following towns: Valley Center, Sedgewick, Halstead, Mound City, McPherson. Newton tried to get the road, but the company did not consider it practicable to run their line there. As soon as the grading is completed to Valley Center rails will be laid and the company says it will be possible to have trains running between Wichita and Valley Center before May 1, 1903. The grading will continue on north.

If the road is built on Arkansas City to McPherson, as is planned, it will be 110 miles in length and the cost of building is estimated at \$2,500,000.

The company is having no trouble in the matter of right of way. As a rule, the farmers are perfectly willing to have the road run through their farms. Between Valley Center and Sedgewick the company expects to use the old Frisco road-bed, which was abandoned years ago.

HE PAID THE COSTS.

J. Dosier Was Left Off Easy by Judge Harvey.

J. Dosier, the colored man who was fined \$25 in police court a day or two ago for beating Mr. Moffet, and who was later arrested on a warrant from the city court, was taken before Judge Harvey yesterday. He told his story, and Mr. Moffet told his, and Judge Harvey told Mr. Dosier that if he would pay the costs in the case he would turn him loose. Mr. Dosier paid the costs, something over \$5.

W. A. JONES IS ADMINISTRATOR

Of the Estate of Joseph T. Jones of Salem Township.

Judge Wilson in the probate court yesterday appointed W. A. Jones administrator of the estate of his father, Joseph T. Jones of Salem township. The elder Jones died several weeks ago, leaving an estate of considerable value and on the application of W. A. Jones and the heirs to the estate the administrator was appointed.

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CUPID IS VERY BUSY

Just at This Particular Time
of Year.

TWO MINISTERS MARRIED

And a Double Wedding at
Court House Yesterday.

Cupid is a good fellow. He never forgets anyone matrimonially along about Christmas tide. He lets them get married and he rings the bells into the hands of the probate judge for the little slip of paper that gives the affair a legal air, and the pin-money bag of the minister's wife also comes in for a renewal of subscriptions.

At Christmas time there is as much business tying hearts as there is tying bundles. The probate judge keeps busy writing licenses and once in awhile performs the ceremony on the day before Christmas. On Christmas day there are always a lot of weddings. Young men get a helper and the young women get a protector. It is a fine present for both and Cupid gets the thanks. He is a busy little body and during the holiday season works early and late.

On Monday evening last at Rev. Mr. Dubber's home occurred the marriage of Rev. R. M. Robinson, pastor of the Christian church in Mount Hope to Nettie A. Grant.

On Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, in the parlors of the Hotel Carey, Rev. T. A. West of Cheney, Kan., and Miss Kittie E. Williams of Bloomington, Ill., were married. Rev. Mr. Dubber performing the ceremony. Rev. Mr. West is pastor of the Christian church in Cheney—a man of fine scholarly and pulpit ability and much loved by all the people of Cheney. His wife is a most excellent young lady of rare gifts in musical and literary lines and one especially fitted to grace the position of minister's wife. The minister and people of Cheney certainly have great reasons for congratulations in having a woman of such accomplishments added to the work of usefulness in the church of that community.

The probate judge issued ten marriage licenses yesterday and performed five ceremonies.

John D. Lawson and Miss Clara Cook and Crises Baler and Lulu Lawson, all of Derby, were married at one time. They live neighbors near Derby and have known each other all their lives. Brother and sister were married and there will be three receptions today.

A peculiar license was issued yesterday in the fact that both contracting parties have the same name. Harry Wilson is a drayman of this city and lives in the southwest part of town. He is known to many people in the city and is a very genial fellow. Miss Clara Wilson is his Christmas bride-to-be. Both are 24 years of age.

The following is the list of licenses issued yesterday:

Ricky T. E. Maxwell, 22, Edna White, 22, of El Dorado.
John Hanson, Jr., 23, Hedrick; Luelia Henderson, 21, Wichita.
E. E. McDowell, 20, Dutton, O. T.; Nettie S. Gaskill, 22, Augusta.

John W. Glass, 24, Goddard; Lena Holwick, 19, Wichita.
John D. Lawson, 24, Derby; Clara Cook, 16, Derby.
Chris D. Baker, 20, Derby; Lulu Lawson, 17, Derby.

George J. Wagner, 45, Hutchinson; Maggie Edwards, 22, Hutchinson.
Harry Wilson, 24, Wichita; Clara Wilson, 24, Wichita.
Thomas West, 33, Ripley, Ohio; Kittie E. Williams, 25, Bloomington, Ill.
Harry Nicholson, 25, Maize; Jennie Woodman, 25, Wichita.

MRS. SHAFFER IS DEAD.

Aged Woman Passed Away at Home Near Goddard.

Mrs. Ethel Shaffer died at her home, two miles east of Goddard, Wednesday evening. She was past 60 years of age and has lived in this county many years. Death was due to a complication of diseases. The funeral will be held Friday morning at 11 o'clock in the Methodist church at Goddard.

"Good Things to Eat."

As Rip Van Winkle

Expressed it, so we feel today. "Here's to yourselves and your families; may you all live long and prosper and have plenty of good things to eat."

We wish you all a Merry Christmas

and thank you heartily for your liberal patronage.

A. M. Weinschenk

SPOT CASH FANCY GROCER.

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Jackson-Walker Coal

We have plenty of all kinds of the best quality coal—the kind that makes heat and gives satisfaction. Phone us or call at office and give your order. We'll deliver it promptly.

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Our first holiday season in Wichita was a busy one; our trade was very satisfactory, and it is gratifying to us to have such positive evidences that the people of Wichita appreciate our efforts to give them good, serviceable, high-grade

Clothing, Hats, Shoes and Furnishing Goods

at lowest prices, and we wish to thank you for your patronage and promise you good goods and honest values in the future, by which we hope to merit your future trade.

Today We Wish You a Merry Christmas

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114 North Main Street
Sole Agents Luther's Hand-Made Glove. Special attention given to Mail Orders.

Merry Christmas ...To All...

Wichita people have been good to us during the year now drawing to a close, and we wish to express our sincere thanks for your very liberal patronage and shall spare no effort to please you and merit a continuation of your patronage during the coming year by fair dealing and honest goods at honest prices.

G. R. FOLLETT & CO.

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Merry, Merry Christmas

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PUBLIC SALE OF THE FULTON STOCK

On Monday, December 29th, at two o'clock p. m., the C. R. Fulton stock, consisting of Clothing, Hats and Furnishing Goods, estimated at \$35,000, will be sold in a lump to the highest bidder for cash.

O. Z. SMITH, Administrator

We Wish You A Merry Christmas

And desire to express our thanks to our many customers for their very liberal patronage during the year just drawing to a close, which has been a prosperous one for us. We shall endeavor to continue to merit your patronage by supplying the best dependable and up-to-date apparel at the most reasonable prices. Again thanking one and all we wish you a

Merry Christmas

Greenfield Bros

WICHITA, KANSAS

112 E. Douglas Avenue Same Price to Everybody

"The Fastest Growing Store in Wichita"

Many Thanks

For your liberal patronage during the year 1902, which, we assure you, was appreciated and today we wish one and all a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Don't forget that our BIG STOCK-REDUCING SALE is still offering some great bargains. If you received money as a Christmas gift or if you had any left after your gift-buying, bring it here and get the biggest shoe values in town.

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Office hours, from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. Saturdays, savings department for reception of deposits only, will be open from 2 to 3 p. m. in addition to the regular banking hours.

GUARDIAN WAS APPOINTED.

For Samuel B. Adams in Probate Court Yesterday.

Sgt. Samuel B. Adams was sent to the asylum for the feeble-minded a short time ago, but he left in this city property of considerable value. It is noted that this property should have the proper care

Judge Wilson in the probate court yesterday appointed Bliss Adams, a daughter, as guardian.

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